

OUR ISTHMIAN POLICY.

New a Confession Plot Hatched at Bogota Was Blocked.

Francis B. Loomis, assistant secretary of state, who defended America's policy on the isthmus at the recent banquet of the Quill club in New York, made the startling statement that the recognition of the Panama republic



FRANCIS B. LOOMIS

hatched off a plot that was hatched at Bogota to seize the canal concessions. Mr. Loomis stated that certain men in Bogota wished to have the canal matter postponed a year, when the renewal of the concession of the French company would have been refused with the purpose of its confiscation and sale to the United States. Had this plan succeeded it would in all probability have resulted in the occupation of the isthmus by French troops.

Secretary Loomis is a native of Ohio and a diplomat of wide experience. He was minister to Venezuela from 1897 to 1901, when he was sent as envoy to Portugal. He was appointed assistant secretary of state last January.

PATRICK DEERY, HERO.

Boatswain in Uncle Sam's Navy Who Has Saved Many Lives.

Boatswain Patrick Deery of the United States navy, who at great peril swam to the submarine boat Adder and attached a line to her in a gale off the Virginia coast, has been awarded a medal of honor.

This was the fourth time that the daring seaman had performed similar acts of bravery. During the hurricane



PATRICK DEERY.

which wrecked the Trenton, Nipic and Vandalia at Samoa in 1887 Deery jumped from the Trenton and with a line hauled a hawser ashore, saving many lives. Again, when the old Kearsarge was wrecked on Boncador reef, he swam to land with a line, thus saving many of his shipmates.

Patrick Deery is a native of Ireland, forty-five years old and has been in the United States navy twenty-one years. His home is in Brooklyn, where he has a wife and three children.

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